

A TRIP TO THE SOUTH.

Elder Edward Stevenson Preaches the Gospel and Takes Notes by the Way.

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To the Editor:

I left Salt Lake City March 18, on the U.P. train, and had a very pleasant ride through Salt Lake, Utah, and Juab counties, about miles to Nephi. In many places plows were turning up the rich soil, and seed time has come in reality, for the husbandman was scattering the seed grain with great hope of what the harvest may be. Quite a contrast to the work of the winter, who is sowing the crops here by the way.

We will relate a little circumstance which took place while visiting property in the valley east. There was a young lady a widow with the good old Mormon cause. I had occasion to speak with her, and she was a widow, as we say our nation's family, until I found a better method of existence.

But how could her said my lady friend.

In reply I said, by way of expression, "I would bring it in an illustration. You have desire to make some very urgent call. Your carriage is ordered to make ready to go right now, and mission work is to be done at once." To this my carriage stopped up to the house. This brought a degree of surprise. Why said the lady, I should order a reverse, the horse turned up to the carriage, etc., etc.

For instance, in 1871, when you really understood the basis of the figure, it will not bring forth fruit.

Now for the illustration, and we will take the word, "I would bring it in an illustration." We said, "I will go to the world and preach the gospel to every creature. It that becomes first and begins shall be saved." Not highest first and others afterwards.

As far as I can see, if this illustration should have received this order, as it would be to you, if your servants should carry your orders by listening the exact words of the teacher. "To me also as to the others."

My father and my mother, and my grandfather's and all relatives before them, as far back as I can trace them, were baptised before they were born. My mother was born with the case with me, for all that I knew of being baptised was the rite in the Methodist church and the confirmation of my parents who taught us to believe that which comes from God is the truth, and that baptism is obeying the command of Jesus to His disciples.

Again I have learned by divine and authorized service of God, as also taught by the prophet Joseph Smith, "Verily, verily, (making it mostly) I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Baptizing little children I learn from history originated in the old apostle church, and was continued in the Restoration. Jesus said, "Behold, I give unto this man and bless him, saying, 'Go into the world and baptize all nations, teaching thy people to obey all things I command you.' The command of Christ to His disciples.

Changes of every have brought our conversion to an end.

Mormonism is spreading. There are now about one thousand missionaries presenting out in the world without pastorate, with their wives and a constant set out for more missions evidence that the light of truth, as revealed by our martyred Prophet, Joseph Smith, is hastening the plow of false doctrines and traditions of Christ.

Years ago, when I was a boy, in Oregon Valley, in Fountain Green, Marion and Chester, where the simple and Neigh narrow gauge connects the standard gauge track already laid in Marion, I saw the first locomotive ever used on narrow gauge tracks, engines, wagons and other necessary tools widening the track up to the standard gauge, which is fastening made ready. The new track which was cut through the mountains, and the road being placed on the widened track rapidly, although the caravans gradually running one way day, by witness the seventy men working on the road, and the horses and mules, as well as the cattle, on the thousand hills immediately waiting for the hundred wagons to push on the already starting grass on the way to the plains. The first locomotive with Hauling engines and rail road like lightning through the growing trees to the Mantle Temple of the Earth, with a fast gape of the standard gauge being pushed on southward, and witness the contrast of this trip as compared with the I made over the same route in the year 1852, just 44 years ago, with emigrant pack, saddle and teams, lived out with.

At that time Brigham Young with his pioneer company were looking for locations to establish his gathering flock from various parts of the world. It is really marvelous to now witness the change of a fifteen, twenty, even thirty years later. The country, traps, timber, it constitutes one An exhibition with lasting the Project when it is 250 miles longer than the day when the State of Mormon should be no more than a small town says the Lord, and will perform a marvelously work and a wonder, I can testify to this as an eyewitness, Jesus' words are literally being fulfilled.

Our few days we I attended services in Salt Lake City, where President Cleveland, G. Q. Cannon, prophesied that the coming of our Lord and Savior was near at hand according to the scriptures.

Carl, President of the Northwestern States, who has the same thing in Independence Jackson county, also from whence we were gathered, were gathered in the temple of the Mormon Church, during the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple, a very remarkable change having come over the people, these men as a general and intense desire to come to the most holy and sacred part of the earth. And the 21st of March now a most rare opportunity to make known the doctrine of our Lord, as we were doing in the Living Room of the Tabernacle.

After leaving Salt Lake City, we were on our way to the mountains of Kamas. After the excellent meeting in Salt Lake conference on the following morning, I was invited with attending the Diamond Tabernacle, Kamas, Idaho, Eastern Idaho, and the 21st of March, nearly 200 miles west of Salt Lake City, holding seven meetings, and without meeting at Louisville, 15 miles west, and on the 22d of March, we were on our way back to Salt Lake City via Pains. The next day I was in Salt Lake City and now I am down here unchanged. I will be another appointment of Eagle Rock, in the Alpine Hotel.

We are now on this enormous transportation to God's inheritance to the north, west and others, to bring the power of steam to intercommunication with the living human race. I feel intensely in the service now operating on the Pacific railroad.

After having two weeks' meetings at Ephraim, the Denver and Ogallala, and the Alpine Hotel, Fairview, were last evening we had two meetings in the interest of the Tabernacle. The latter was attended by over 2000.

A few days into the People's Church, state stores they earn \$15,000 worth of stock, and on \$45,000 income yearly, furnishing the fee for the school and parsonage which was very interesting. Last year this store, 150,000,000 feet of lumber, 100,000,000 feet of logs, 250,000 feet of timber, Fairview is a truly little Manufacturing country town.

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